

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for [determining]aiding a carrier in the determination of the location of a missing person while the carrier is automatically processing mail, said method comprises the steps of:

A. receiving [the]a name of a missing person;

B. receiving a list of parties that the missing person is likely to receive mail from or send mail to;

C. utilizing a scanner to scan [scanning]mail faces that have been deposited with the carrier by [a]any sender of mail;

D. determining if the scanned mail includes the name of the missing person and a party appearing on the list of parties;

E. producing a list of scanned names and addresses in an alphanumeric format that includes the name of the missing person and the party appearing on the list of parties;

F. delivering [the]a list to a party that is permitted by law to receive the list regarding mail that the missing person may have sent or received; and

G. reviewing the delivered list to determine if the missing person is the recipient or sender of mail that is [likely to be the missing person] listed on the delivered list.

2. (currently amended) The method claimed in claim 1, further including the step of: [verifying]checking that the [likely person is]person who appears on the delivered list is likely to be the missing person.

3. (currently amended) The method claimed in claim 2, further including the step of charging the recipient of the delivered list for [verifying]checking that the person who appears on the delivered list is likely to be [likely person is]the missing person.

4. (currently amended) The method claimed in claim 1, further including the step of charging the recipient of the delivered list for producing a list of scanned names and addresses.

5. (currently amended) The method claimed in claim 1, further including the step of delivering a reproduction of the [scanned] image of the mail face scanned in step C that also includes the name of the missing person and a party appearing on the list of parties.

6. (currently amended) A method for ~~[determining]~~aiding in the determination of the location of a missing person using an alias while the carrier is automatically processing mail, said method comprises the steps of:

A. receiving [the]a name of a missing person;

B. receiving a list of parties that the missing person is likely to receive mail from or send mail to;

C. [scanning]utilizing a scanner to scan mail faces that have been deposited with the carrier by [a]any sender of mail;

D. determining if the scanned mail includes an alias of the missing person and a party appearing on the list of parties;

E. producing a list of scanned names and addresses in an alphanumeric format that includes an alias of the missing person and the party appearing on the list of parties;

F. delivering [the]a list to a party that is permitted by law to receive the list regarding mail that the missing person may have sent or received; and

G. reviewing the delivered list to determine if an alias of the missing person is the recipient or sender of mail that is [likely to be the missing person]listed on the delivered list.

7. (currently amended) The method claimed in claim 6, further including the step of: [verifying]checking that the [likely person is]person who appears on the delivered list is likely to be the missing person.

8. (currently amended) The method claimed in claim 7, further including the step of charging the recipient of the delivered list for [verifying]~~checking~~ that the [likely] person [is]who appears on the delivered list is likely to be the missing person.

9. (original) The method claimed in claim 6, further including the step of charging the recipient for producing a list of scanned names and addresses.

10. (currently amended) The method claimed in claim 6, further including the step of delivering a reproduction of the [scanned]image of the mail face scanned in step C that also includes the name of the missing person and a party appearing on the list of parties.